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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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Section 1, Special Branch
REPORT

Date December 6, 1938.

Subject Raid on the San Kwang Bookstore (三光書局), 68 Rue Voyron,
on 23/11/38.

Made by D.I. Kuh Pao-hwa Forwarded by C. G. [Signature]

With reference to the query of D.C. (Special Branch) on the attached copy of newspaper translation, I have to report that careful enquiries show that the San Kwang Bookstore, 68 Rue Voyron, which is owned by Ting Chuin-tao (丁在陶), was raided by detectives attached to the Political Section of French Police headquarters on November 23, when some 200 books, chiefly of a political and anti-Japanese nature were seized. Mr. Ting, who has severed his connections with the publication of the local Chinese daily known as the "News Digest," however, failed to secure a Business Permit from the French Municipal Council before starting business in the said bookstore.

A detailed report has been submitted to the French Consular Authorities by the French Police who suggested that a fine of \$200 be imposed on the management of the bookstore and that the seizure be confiscated, but no definite instructions have yet been received by the French Police.

Details concerning Ting Chuin-tao's connections with the "News Digest" were outlined in a Special Branch report dated September 27, 1938. The allegation that he is connected with the activities of the Chinese Communist Party appear to be groundless.

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F.A. to D.C. (S. H.S.)

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What are we to do?

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